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SUBJECT:NASA/COSTEAU SOCIETY BATHYMETRY EXPERIMENT

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1. AS PART OF SECOND SERIES OF MEASUREMENTS TO BE COLLECTED
SEPT 5-7, NASA/COSTEAU PLAN TO STUDY TURBIDITY STREAKS
NEAR NORTHERN EDGE LITTLE BAHAMA BANK. THESE STREAKS OR
QUOTE WHITINGS UNQUOTE ARE LIGHT COLORED PHENOMENA IN
WATER OF UNCERTAIN OR UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

2. LOCATION OF WHITINGS VARY OVER TIME AND CAN BE
CLEARLY SPOTTED ONLY FROM AIRCRAFT OR SATELLITE. EXAMINA-
TION OF SATELLITE PHOTOS TAKEN OVER TEST AREA DURING FIRST
SERIES OF MEASUREMENTS SHOWS ALL OBSCURED BY CLOUD COVER.

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3. IN ORDER TO ASSIST SHIPS TOWARD PROPER SITES TO STUDY THIS PHENOMENA, NASA NOW PLANS USE VISUAL SIGHTING FROM AIRCRAFT.

4. NASA T-38 AIRCRAFT, CALL NUMBER NASA 923, WILL FLY RETURN MISSION FROM HOMESTEAD AFB FLORIDA SEPTEMBER 5

TO CONDUCT VISUAL SEARCH IN TEST AREA. NO REPEAT NO INSTRUMENTATION WILL BE USED. AIRCRAFT WILL BE PILOTED BY NASA/SCHWEICKART AND PROBABLY CARRY PHILIPPE COUSTEAU AS PASSENGER. SIGHTINS WILL BE MADE AT ALTITUDES OF 40,000 FEET TO SURFACE UNDER VFR CONDITIONS.

5. PILOT WILL FILE NORMAL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS FOR DVFR CLEARANCE.

6. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT CLEARANCES IF ANY REQUIRED. REQUEST POST OBTAIN ANY THAT ARE NECESSARY PLUS OR MINUS 48 HOURS AND ADVISE.

7. FYI: PLANS ARE TO CONDUCT 2-3 MISSIONS. FIRST MISSION TO BEGIN 0800 SEPTEMBER 5. END FYI. ROBINSON

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